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DIARY NOTES

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1. At the Deputies' Meeting this morning:

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a. I learned for the first time that the President has directed that we continue to pick up the tab for payment to the [REDACTED] which may cost as much as [REDACTED] during this Fiscal Year and will, of course, have to be taken out of the Reserve. (I told Ed Saunders about this.)

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b. Dick Bissell raised a question this morning about Project USEFUL. He said that some of the people in the Clandestine Services had become quite excited about remarks contributed to the Inspector General alleging that there had been a failure of intelligence in the Cuban affair, and to an OCI representative who had said that we had no reason to believe that there would be a popular uprising. One other speaker whom he declined to name had suggested that the officers concerned read the FORTUNE article by Mr. Murphy for an accurate account of what actually happened. We all recognized that in speaking to a completely outside group we had to use good judgment and that speakers should be cautioned in this so as not to reflect unnecessarily at least upon the Agency or to indicate that we were not united over here. I undertook to speak to Matt Baird about this in the conduct of future courses.

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2. Jack [REDACTED] buzzed to say that Mr. [REDACTED] had suggested that we go ahead and buy a new Cadillac limousine for Mr. McCone and I have instructed Alan [REDACTED] to do so.

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3. I departed around noontime for the [REDACTED] to attend the Support Officers' Conference where [REDACTED] gave a very interesting talk; I think that all the people felt he leveled with them very squarely. J. C. King also gave a most interesting talk on the "Operations of the Western Hemisphere Division" and I think that everyone there was impressed with the magnitude of his job, as well as the assets with which he claimed to have to meet the situation. I remained [REDACTED] overnight.

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